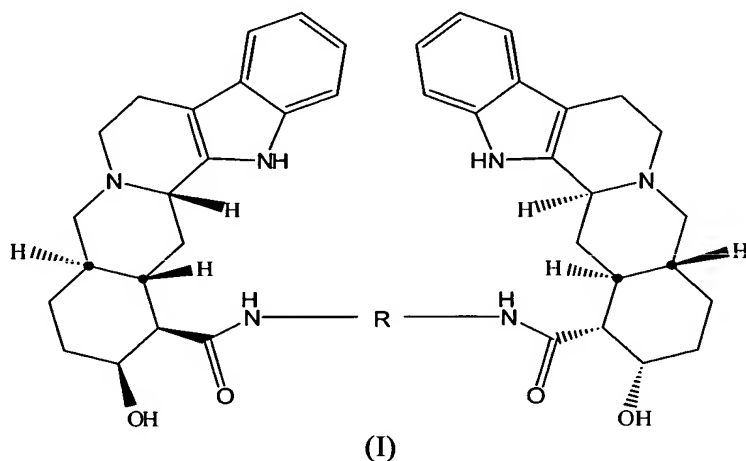


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to yohimbine dimer compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing such dimer compounds, methods of making such dimer compounds, and uses thereof. The yohimbine dimer
5 compounds include compounds of formula (I):



where R is any linker molecule which affords a yohimbine dimer that has activity as an α_2 -AR antagonist and has selectivity for an α_2 -AR subtype over another α_2 -
10 AR subtype.